

Pastors Word



Reading from the Book of Acts, Day of Pentecost: Acts 2.1-21

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

If we didn't know it before, we surely know it now, as the second chapter of Acts unfolds: this is no tame God who comes to us, no safe and predictable deity. This is the God whose loving sometimes takes the form of scorching. Before he left, Jesus told his friends he would send them the Advocate, the comforter. Now we see this Comforter coming as wind, as flame, reminding us that comfort is not always comfortable, for it makes itself known in community, where we find the most searing challenges—and the deepest blessings—we will ever know. ~Jan Richardson

This Grace That Scorches Us —Jan Richardson **A Blessing for Pentecost Day** from *Circle of Grace: A Book of Blessings for the Seasons* Here's one thing you must understand about this blessing: it is not for you alone.

It is stubborn about this.

Do not even try to lay hold of it if you are by yourself, thinking you can carry it on your own.

To bear this blessing, you must first take yourself to a place where everyone does not look like you or think like you, a place where they do not believe precisely as you believe, where their thoughts and ideas and gestures are not exact echoes of your own.

Bring your sorrow. Bring your grief. Bring your fear. Bring your weariness, your pain, your disgust at how broken the world is, how fractured, how fragmented by its fighting, its wars, its hungers, its penchant for power, its ceaseless repetition of the history it refuses to rise above.

I will not tell you this blessing will fix all that. But in the place where you have gathered, wait. Watch. Listen. Lay aside your inability to be surprised, your resistance to what you do not understand. See then whether this blessing turns to flame on your tongue, sets you to speaking what you cannot fathom

or opens your ear to a language beyond your imagining that comes as a knowing in your bones, a clarity in your heart that tells you

this is the reason we were made: for this ache that finally opens us,

for this struggle, this grace that scorches us toward one another and into the blazing day.



WORSHIP

Sunday, June 12, 9:30 am Worship Access Online Bulletin

Join us for Outdoor Worship. Childcare available in the nursery at 8:30am.

OR

You may also attend virtually using the Zoom link or call the number noted in the bulletin to join us!

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/278217453? pwd=azE2dkNHVE9WSzdaeDM5Yzh4RGRvdz09

One tap mobile +13126266799,278217453#,1#,971744# US (Chicago)

Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 278 217 453 Password: 971744



As of Friday, June 3, 2022, the CDC has changed the Community Level for St Louis County to High, and advises wearing masks indoors. **See the CDC site here for more information.** <u>COVID-19 by</u> <u>County | CDC</u>

Please plan to wear masks when you are inside our building until the Community Level has returned to Medium.

Masks will be available at entrances if needed. If you feel unwell, please care for yourself and others by staying home, and we will be happy to see you when you return. Thank you for your commitment to caring for one another!



Join us Sunday, June 12, in the church yard for outdoor Worship at 9:30am! **Note: masks are not required outdoors, but are required when entering the building.** Bring chairs and a blanket (we will have some chairs available if needed), a picnic lunch if you wish, and your favorite yard games. We will have a bonfire, some yard games, a craft, and other activities on hand

as well, and there will be a Kona Ice Truck coming for a special treat! We hope to see you there! **OR**

You may also attend virtually on Zoom to join us!

Help is needed for miscellaneous set up! If you can arrive between 8:45-9:00, we will set up games, balloons, banners, and other miscellaneous things prior to Worship.

Stewardship & Offerings

We can continue to fund our church and the important work we're doing with a few easy clicks:

1. Visit our donation website directly or go to www.christwg.org and scroll down to the 'Give Now' button.

2. You may make a one time or recurring gift. There are NO FEES to withdraw directly from your bank account. Fees do apply for debit/credit card transactions.

3. Optional: set up a profile to be able to change your recurring gifts at any time or view your giving history.

If you prefer to make your offering by check or cash, there are mailing envelopes included in your offering envelope package.

Join the new Justice Group forming at CLC!

We've been reading and discussing issues of diversity, equity and inclusion at Christ Lutheran, now let's get a solid group together to affect change! The main goal of the committee will be to focus on areas where we can make Christ Lutheran a more welcoming space and affect change in our community. Duties would include reaching out to council and other committees on issues of justice in the church, brainstorming ways to be more active in local justice issues, selecting books for congregation wide book studies, etc. Please reach out to Kate Hoerchler (314-805-1751, <u>katehoerchler@gmail.com</u>) if you would like to join this group.

Vigil For Black Lives

Every Friday from 6:00-6:30, congregations on Lockwood join together to stand for black lives, in our community and beyond. We take a short half an hour each week to be visible on Lockwood with signs of solidarity with our black siblings. It is a small way for us to make it known that we stand against racism in all the ways it impacts all of us. Please join us!



Fourth of July Celebration at Christ Lutheran

If you plan to park on the church lot the morning of July 4th, please arrive before 8am. Due to the Webster Groves Parade streets will be blocked off after that. Also, please remember that the additional spaces next to the Mead Center are no longer available. No barbecue this year, so participants are encouraged to bring food, snacks and beverages for their families or additional items to share (optional). Christ Lutheran will be offering cold water and use of restrooms again this year. We



have volunteers in place for helping with that, but contact Dave Fey at <u>davefey@me.com</u> or 314-229-8033 if you plan to attend and would like to help with setup, cleaning of church grounds, etc.



If interested, Churches Together for Justice will be participating as a group in the Webster Groves Fourth of July Parade and are looking for more candy passer-outers and folks to walk in the parade. Please contact Kate Hoerchler to participate, <u>katehoerchler@gmail.com</u>.

Watch Party

Churches Together for Justice, the Alliance for Interracial Dignity, and Women's Voices Raised for Social Justice invite you to a non-partisan community Watch Party for the first of eight public hearings of the January 6 Select Committee.

The Watch Party will take place on June 9 at First Congregational Church, <u>10 W. Lockwood</u>, <u>Webster Groves</u>, <u>MO 63119</u>

from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

We want to bring together people in our community who are committed to protecting our democracy and to raise public awareness around the hearings to prevent another January 6th attack from ever happening again. For more information, contact Julie Burchett at <u>Burchett.juliekay@gmail.com</u>.

Guest Speaker at 6:40 p.m. Jennifer Lohman

National Disinformation Expert and Chair of the MO Voter Protection Coalition Disinformation Committee "Disinformation, January 6, and Our Democracy"

Masking is highly recommended. Hand sanitizers available and social distancing will be in place.

Ample parking on the east and west sides of the church. Enter from either Elm, Lockwood or Gore. The women of Christ Lutheran are invited to join our meetings taking place the second Thursday of each month at 7pm. More details to come! Any questions? Reach out to Becca Jordan at <u>beccajedwards@gmail.com</u>.

Bible Study

Women's Group

The Tuesday morning Bible study group will take a summer break until September.

When we resume, anyone is welcome to join us at any time. Just have one or more of your favorite Bibles with you, and prepare to enjoy our time together.

CLC Suggestion Box

Have an idea for how Christ Lutheran Church can make your experience better? Submit an anonymous note at <u>http://freesuggestionbox.com/pub/stwuunh</u> and we will do our best to help!









In person Adult Forum will be held in the Fellowship Hall and will also be available on Zoom. If you choose Zoom just stay connected after the Sunday morning service. We anticipate a 10-15 minute break between the end of the postlude and the beginning of Adult Forum.

There will be no Adult Forums this summer but sessions will resume after Labor Day.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include the following people in your prayer life during this week.

ONGOING HEALTH CONCERNS: Those who are suffering from chronic pain & diseases, Shelly Madden, Linda Armstrong, Gege Brightman, Christine Austin, Kate and Brian Bates (John Hoffmann's sister and brother-in-law), Evan Deck, Helga Hayes, John Hoffmann, Bev & Al Marcus (friend of John Hoffmann), Michael McMullen (Greg McMullen's brother), Christy Monson (Step-daughter of Carolyn Lange), Donna Munger, Betsy Nielson (Nancy Lissant's sister), Doris & Harry Rahlfs (Karen Wood's parents), Flo Saeger, Joyce Traxler (Friend of Susan DeBusk), Shirley Wolf, Mary Stough (Sharon Hornbeck's aunt), and Wayne Wellman (Susanne Reimer-Fey's brother).

IN BLESSED MEMORY: For all of those who have died and all of those who grieve, that they may know the presence of God who grieves with us.



IN MILITARY SERVICE: Josh Duncan, Chris Hudson, Jesse Proctor, Scott Warr.

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

LET'S CELEBRATE JUNE ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

Congratulations and Best Wishes! Christ Lutheran family wants to celebrate you!

ANNIVERSARIES:

| 06/07 | Perry Yee & Szu Ching Fu |
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| 06/07 | Mark & Carole Lewis |
| 06/09 | Lis & Michael Erickson |
| | Meyer |
| 06/10 | Larry & Kathy Hill |
| 06/11 | Bill & Linda Óriffith |
| 06/20 | Megan & Colin Meadows |
| 06/21 | Mark & Lynnae Ruff |
| 06/23 | Kathy & Jerry Kuziel |
| 06/25 | Susanne & Dave Fey |
| 06/27 | Paul & Stephanie Lenhart |
| 06/28 | Janet & Mark Roock |
| 06/30 | Betty & Woody Erickson |
| BIRTHDAYS: | |
| 06/01 | Katherine Mudd |
| 06/02 | Emma Schulte |
| 06/04 | Sarah Bender, Joan Rivas, Joshua Wood |
| 06/06 | Magan (Lowin) Dickatt |

- 06/06 Megan (Lewis) Pickett 06/08 Ward Holmes, Carolyn
- Lange
- 06/10 Reid Bartek, Erin Eftink
- 06/12 Anna Bussler, Luke Bruns
- 06/15 David Ciorba
- 06/17 Sam Allen
- 06/18 Evan Deck
- 06/19 David Cramer, Jordon Joern
- 06/22 Carole Lewis
- 06/23 Dave Austin, Wyatt Bussler
- 06/24 Kristin Hill, Kaia Chelgreen
- 06/27 Lauren Dopuch
- 06/28 Nesiah Yee 06/29 Kersten Horn, Jackson
- Jordan 06/30 Hamise Askew-Sunkara,
 - Sandy Hoyer

Our apologies if we missed anybody! Please let us know if we did.



June 2022

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 | 2 4p Fitness group | 3 | 4 |
| 5 9:30a Worship | 6 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4pm Fitness group | 7 | 8 | 9 4p Fitness group | 10 | 11 |
| 12 9:30a Outdoor Worship | 13 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4pm Fitness group | 14 | 15 ^{7p Worship team} meeting | 16 4p Fitness group | 17 | 18 |
| 19 9:30a Worship | 20 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4pm Fitness group | 21 7p Church Council meeting in Confer- ence room | 22 | 23 4p Fitness group | 24 | 25 |
| 26 9:30a Worship | 27 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4pm Fitness group | 28 | 29 | 30 4p Fitness group | | |



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE: SUNDAY AT 9:30 A.M.

RESIDENT PASTOR: MEAGAN MCLAUGHLIN OFFICE HOURS: MON-WED, FRI 8:30-4:30 APPTS BY ARRANGEMENT

> COUNCIL PRESIDENT: JESSICA GUNTHER

DIRECTOR OF SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES AND FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE: CAROLYN CROWE

DIRECTOR OF CHOIRS: DIANE DROLLINGER

> ORGANIST: MARK RUFF

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> WEBMASTER: PERRY YEE

Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement

Deepening people's connection to Christ, Bringing meaning to daily life, and Making a difference in our community.